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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, District Attorney (DA), and the Chief of the Office of Public Safety (OPS) to accept, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, \$47,893 in reimbursement funds allocated by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) under the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Since June 1999, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to submit an application to the BJA for the County's participation in the BVP program. The purpose of the program is to preserve the lives of law enforcement officers by providing financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies so that they can procure bulletproof vests for their officers. Under the provisions of the BVP, the Federal government will reimburse a portion of the cost of each vest purchased by a local agency.

The Sheriff, DA, and OPS are eligible for participation in this program. The BVP program requires each County department to apply for reimbursement electronically via the BVP website. As the County's designated contact, the CEO reviews, verifies, and combines the departmental submissions into a single application that is formally submitted. The application for BVP FFY 2008 funding was submitted on April 22, 2008.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This program meets the County's Strategic Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the safety of law enforcement officers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's FFY 2008 BVP application requested reimbursement for 2,174 bulletproof vests. The individual requests from the departments are as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
District Attorney	240	\$102,362
Office of Public Safety	134	\$37,714
Sheriff Department	<u>1,800</u>	<u>\$506,610</u>
TOTAL	2,174	\$646,686

The BJA awarded the County \$47,893 in reimbursement funds or 7 percent of each vest. Departments that receive a BVP allocation are responsible for the remaining costs. The eligible departments have sufficient allocations within their budgets to cover the remaining costs. The proportional award amounts are as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
District Attorney	\$102,362	\$7,581
Office of Public Safety	\$37,714	\$2,793
Sheriff Department	<u>\$506,610</u>	<u>\$37,519</u>
TOTAL	\$646,686	\$47,893

The CEO will disburse the awarded reimbursement funding in the amounts proportionate to each department's total armor vest order as reflected in the above chart. The reimbursement deadline date for bulletproof vests purchased under the FFY 2008 BVP is September 30, 2010. Beginning this year, the BJA reduced the BVP grant period from four years to two years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The FFY 2008 Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (S. 1745) made \$25 million dollars available nationwide for bulletproof vest purchases.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The primary concern of the BVP is to protect the lives of peace officers around the nation. BVP assists the County in providing the necessary protection to ensure that personnel are adequately protected.

For questions or for additional information, please contact Michael Iwanaga, CEO Public Safety, at (213) 974-6806 or at miwanaga@ceo.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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